



PLUME NEWS

Maldon's Community Academy

Week Ending 01/04/2022

A Very Challenging but Productive Term

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and members of the Maldon community,

As we all know, it's been a somewhat challenging term, especially over the course of the last three weeks or so, and as our community's COVID-19 case rates rose to become the highest nationally.

This brought with it somewhat significant challenges on a number of fronts including for the first time throughout the two year pandemic period, our ability to staff the provision for all 1700+ of our student cohort.

Still, over that four day period, we managed to deliver in person for six year groups whilst switching to our remote provision for the year group who worked from home.

The academy's team of staff had to work way above and beyond their normal remits during this period, however, and as they always have done, pull together they did and successfully cover and complete what was required of them.

As has been the case throughout the pandemic period, we also received the same level of support from our parents and carers be it in terms of keeping us up to date with positive COVID-19 cases, asking solution-focused questions or sending in messages of support and appreciation. This is against a backdrop of almost negligible negativity – something that once again made a huge difference I can honestly tell you.

Nevertheless, despite these challenges, as well as our core business of teaching and learning, and providing pastoral and SEND support, we also enjoyed a somewhat vast array of extra-curricular and enrichment activities and provision. These ranged from sporting to performing arts, national television and radio slots, to revision sessions and workshops.

Moving forward, regardless of whatever challenge comes our way, as a team of staff, we will only adopt the same approach and work ethic. This will include ensuring we support our 400+ Years' 11-13 students as they work towards, start and work through their formal Summer Public Examinations – the first of their kind of course since 2019 and involving year groups who have not completed a full year at school for the same three year period either.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and may I wish our families and local community a pleasant Easter break and holiday

Warmest regards,

Mr Wakefield – Executive Principal

Reminders



Enjoy your

Easter Break!

Students return to the
academy Tuesday 19 April

**Year 8 Parents
Consultation Evening**
Thursday 21 April 4.30pm-7.30pm

**The Plume Academy SEND
Information Evening** (Statutory
Paperwork and Provision Meeting) will be
held on **Thursday 19 May** at 5.30pm in the
Stage Hall at the Fambridge Road
Campus. The evening is designed to support
you, our valuable stakeholders, with
understanding the provision cycle and to
provide you with the information you require
to manage your expectations of the
academy. The evening will also ensure that
we continue to work in collaboration with you
to ensure that your child continues to be
successful during their time at the academy
and beyond.

A reminder of happier times....



There is a Chernobyl Children Lifeline website and it is possible to donate through them. They help primarily in the northern part of Ukraine, this is the area the children came from that visited Plume Academy To Donate by text

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£10 Text AWF01 to 70191

The Life line are working to help the children and their families

Visitors from Ukraine with Year 7 students in 2019

As we read and watch the unfolding shocking scenes coming from Ukraine, and while it may seem some distance away, many of our current older students and several staff have a personal link to that area, forged in happier times. Each year since 2011, Plume Academy had the pleasure of welcoming and playing host to groups of children from the 'Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Project.' This charity was set up to help address some of the pressing needs of young people living near the infamous nuclear reactor that exploded in April 1986 and contaminated a wide area of Europe with highly radioactive dust. The children normally came to Essex for a four week visit and stayed with local host families. They had a packed programme covering local visits, a wide range of activities and various medical check-ups.

Our Year 7 Student Leadership Team would always partner-up with their new young friends and spend a day together experiencing school life in an English educational setting. Throughout the day our visitors had the opportunity to take part in a variety of lessons and activities including Art, Drama, PE and Music. A highlight and very popular part of the visits were Mr Wakefield's valiant attempts at Ukrainian greetings and farewell!

It is a sobering point that the young boys who were on that first visit would now be of an age to be called up and in all probability will be fighting for their country. Therefore, in this difficult and perplexing situation, of course our thoughts are for peace and the safety for our past Ukrainian friends as well as the whole Ukrainian nation itself. Further updates will be available as we can get them via the news section of our website.

Mr B Collen



Thank You!

Miss Thorn, Subject Leader for Food Preparation, Nutrition and Textiles, celebrated and marked her birthday last week (Tuesday March 15) by raising £250 for the British Heart Foundation.

Miss Thorn said, "I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along in person to my cake sale and as well as those who donated online. We have raised £250 for the British Heart Foundation. Thank you all so much for your support."

Mr Wakefield, Executive Principal said. "What a tremendous and perfectly well-timed effort"

A spokesperson for the academy went on to say. "We are absolutely delighted for Miss Thorn as she has gone to a lot of effort, over above her very busy teaching schedule, to make and bake cakes to sell and raise money. £250.00 is a very impressive effort and a great way to celebrate her own birthday by raising this sum for the British Heart Foundation."

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raised
by 18 supporters

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Billie Thom
Billie's Heart Foundation Bake Sale
Fundraising for British Heart Foundation

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Plume Academy Careers Fair 2022

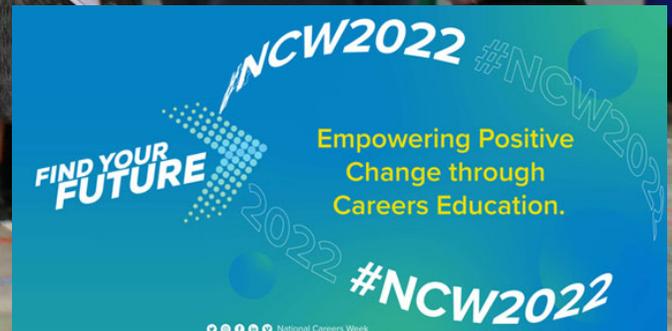
Last week, Plume Academy welcomed over 50 providers from a variety of industries, education, and training sectors for the first in-person Careers Fair in 2 years. Throughout the evening, we were joined by hundreds of students and parents/carers from Years 7 to 13. The event created an excellent opportunity for our students and parents/carers to engage with our exhibitors and provide meaningful and insightful conversations about future employment, education, and training routes. The atmosphere throughout was exceptional, with our guests being extremely grateful of this opportunity after such a long break due to the national pandemic. This was reflected in feedback collated which found that 99% of our attendees described the event as 'Very Good' or 'Excellent'. In addition to this, feedback identified that attendees found

it had assisted with the following:

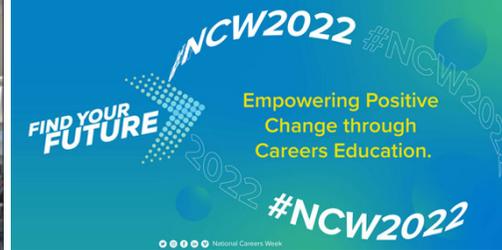
- Identifying GCSE and A-level subject choices
- Work experience/ work shadowing placement ideas
- Possible post-16 and post-18 options
- Choosing and applying for an apprenticeship
- Higher education choices
- Learning about a career of interest

Ms Meltzer, Careers Lead for the academy said: "Throughout the evening, exhibitors could not praise Plume students enough, explaining that they had gone above and beyond in assisting exhibitors with their set up, welcoming them to the academy and supporting them throughout the evening. They were a credit to the academy".

Miss B Meltzer – Leader of CEIAG



As part of National Careers Week, the academy delivered a range of activities in order to celebrate careers and link education with the world of employment to ensure students get an important insight into the future of work and further learning.



Year 11 and Year 13 Apprenticeship Workshops - Friday 25 February

As part of National Apprenticeship week, the careers team focused support and guidance on those students in Year 11 and 13 seeking employment and training opportunities. As a result, AIM apprenticeships delivered a workshop to a selected group of students who have indicated that they are interested in applying for an apprenticeship. The AIM group work with a range of employers, training providers and specialists in finding training and employment opportunities for young people.

As part of the workshops, our Year 11 students were equipped with the information required to find and apply for an apprenticeship. Our Year 13 students took part in a mock assessment, which is used as part of the recruitment process at IBM. All students were a credit to themselves throughout the workshops and our Year 13 students received particular praise for their conduct throughout the mock assessment.

Miss B Meltzer – Leader of CEIAG



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National Careers Week in Business Studies

We were particularly excited that this year, during careers week, we were able to welcome 3 guest speakers into the academy to speak with different year groups. The students gained so much from listening to our guests speaking from personal experience and then asking questions (some of them involved which football team do you support!).

We welcomed Mr Mayhew into a Year 13 business class. Mr Mayhew spent his career in banking and it was really fascinating to hear how he went from working as a Junior Clerk for NatWest to becoming a Senior Business Relationship Manager, and all without going to university. The highlight for me was seeing the students captivated by the old bank notes Mr Mayhew bought with him, and the students asking questions about The Prodigy, whom Mr Mayhew had previously worked with when they came to him for a loan.

Cllr. Lay then spoke with both Year 12 and 13 about his career experiences with Midland Bank, the bank our students now know as HSBC. Cllr. Lay recounted that his first job was found by filling in a coupon in the back of a newspaper. Again Cllr. Lay spoke of how his career progressed through the bank, mainly by him looking for opportunities and taking them. Cllr. Lay spoke of the opportunities he had to travel and for learning more about different cultures – something the students were really keen to learn more about.

Finally, Mr Freeman spent time with Year 11. With over 30 years of experience in sales, Mr Freeman spoke to the group about the importance of being confident and learning how to ask the right open questions to find out customer needs and close the sale. He spoke about the massive deals he has negotiated and the future of technology in business, but most importantly learning how to sell yourself to secure that college place, apprenticeship or university place. The talk was fascinating and the students enjoyed the wisdom they heard.

A huge thank you to all of our guests, and to the fabulous staff in the academy that made our guests so welcome, and of course my fellow business colleagues. If there is one thing that I hope all our students took away, it is take every opportunity that comes your way, and of course, hard work always pays off.

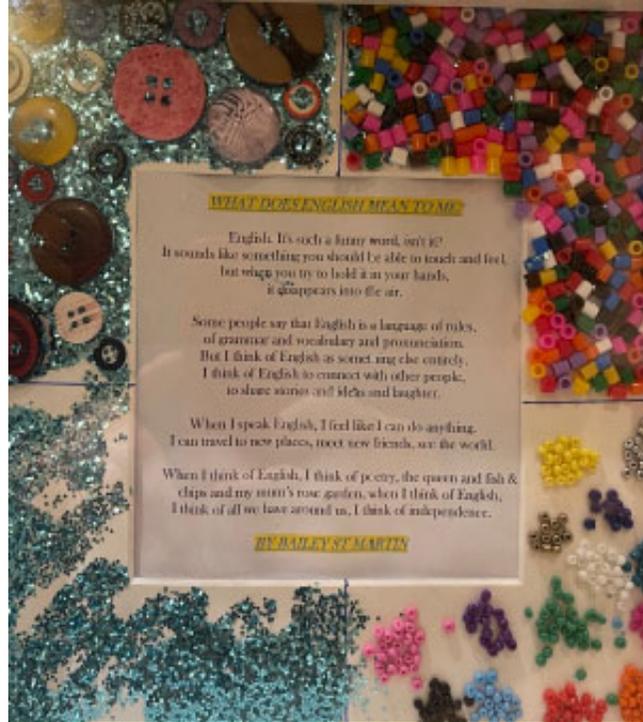
Mrs Z Moss – Subject Lead Business



Well Done!

Congratulations to our 'AS Music' students Cameron Morrison and William Oddy who completed their 'AS Performance Recital' at United Reform Church Maldon.

They performed brilliant and Mrs Hill and myself are extremely proud of them.
Mrs Adams



Plume students asked: What Does English Mean To Me?

The English Faculty competition, **What Does English Mean to Me? - a visual representation**, ran throughout January and February. Using the question 'What Does English Mean to Me?' we asked students to muster all their creative energies to visually represent the answer to this question. The answer could be presented as anything visual from a mood board or a series of photographs to a sculpture or recording of a dance.

There have been so many beautiful entries that have shown not only the skill and creativity of our talented students, but the importance that English, in its many forms, has on so many people. The enormously creative and diverse entries had one thing in common though - nearly all of them used colour to express the kaleidoscopic experience of reading!

1st Bailey St Martin (Year 7)

Bailey created a spectacular, colourful collage full of texture and sparkle that represents the vibrancy of English - we particularly enjoyed Bailey's reading and presenting of his entry.

Bailey receives a £10 book voucher, certificate, and an English award badge.

What English Means To Me:

To me, English is a place where you can express yourself. You can create new worlds and new characters to go with them. You can take inspiration from other people's work and make it with your own twist. You can do anything and everything. Annotation, word explosions, the lot! The difference many people misunderstand is between reading and English. With reading, you read other people's work. Those others take you somewhere. With English, it's all up to you. With English, you have a chance to take those others somewhere. By Robyn Kennelly.



2nd Archie Jones (Year 8)

Archie has produced a wonderful representation of a reader immersed in a book (the visual shows the back of the reader's head emphasising how lost in their reading world they are). Archie's entry also makes use of colour with a stream of nouns emanating from the pages describing what English means to him including freedom, expression, and inspiration. A truly lovely piece of artwork.

Archie will receive a certificate and an English award badge.

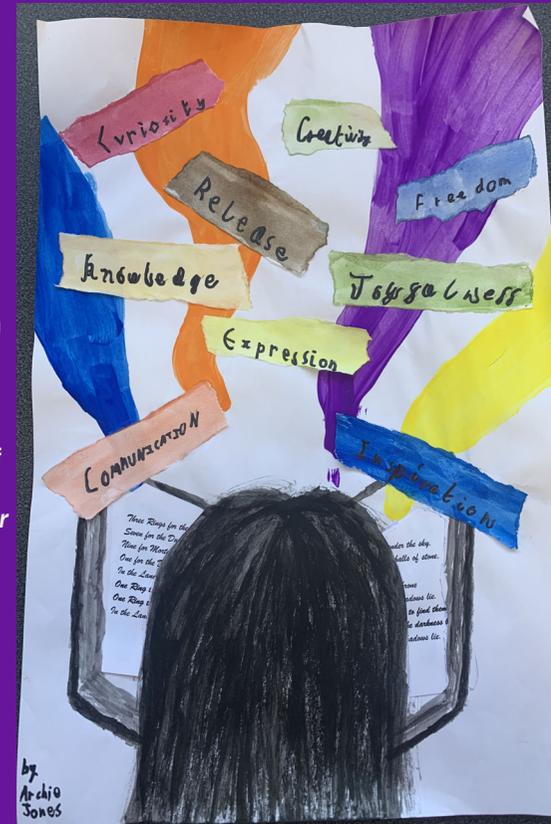
3rd Robyn Kennelly (Year 7)

Robyn presented a well-written explanation of 'What English Means' to her and coined the inspirational phrase: "English is the light in our world of darkness"; such a well-needed positive sentiment! We also loved the

accompanying illustration which showed colour and music, as well as letters, shooting from the page of a book being read.

Robyn will also receive a certificate and an English award badge.

Thank you to all our entries - we were impressed by the imaginative responses sent in. All entries will be receiving a certificate from the English team





Congratulations!

Huge **congratulations** to Tom Aldis Year 10 who competed at the TAGB Tae-Kwon-Do English Championships 2022 in Worcester last weekend. Tom was up against extremely tough competition being the youngest in his 15-18 age group category. He successfully beat the reigning British Champion and won himself a silver medal! Second in England, such a massive achievement! We are all very proud of you Tom!



Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

I am delighted to inform you the results of the Year 9 assembly, as part of the Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge.

In 1st place - Leo Weller

In joint 2nd place - Molly Welsted and Paddy O'Brien

In joint 3rd place - Scarlett Chapman and Benjamin Frost

Finalists - Becca Palmer, Oliver Copper and Ella Mansfield

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Leo Weller will be representing the school at the regional final during the summer term.

Accelerated Reader Update
Congratulations!



Congratulations to Robin Kennelly 7JDE and Corin MacAllan 7NML for becoming word millionaires. Fantastic news. They have both read over 1 million words and have received a certificate and badge in their English lessons.

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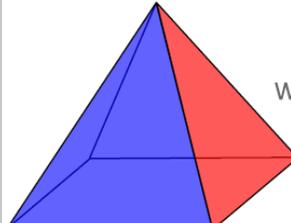
PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

Entries open: Mon 14th Mar Entries close: Sun 20th Mar



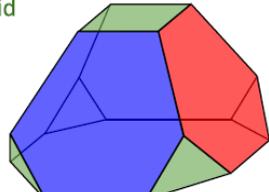
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The pyramid on the left has 8 edges and 5 vertices (corners).



When all the vertices are 'sliced off' it is called truncating, and the pyramid becomes like the shape below.

This truncated pyramid has 24 edges.



If the truncated pyramid is truncated again, how many edges will the final shape have?

Extension: What if you were to truncate the pyramid for a third time?
Extension²: What if the initial shape were a pentagonal-based pyramid?

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Puzzle created by Andrew Sharpe (@asharpeducator)

@puzzleoftheweek Puzzle of the Week

Plume Maths department are taking part in the Puzzle of the Week competition again for 2022! Students and their families are encouraged to take part and prizes will be given to students with the most correct answers each term. Submit your answers each week by registering via the website. Weekly puzzles will also be shared on Twitter via @PlumeMaths.

Happy Puzzling!!



A big thank you to Emily Connolly 8PBR who has very kindly donated some musical instruments to the Music Department at Mill Road.

Thank you Emily!





I am delighted to discover that the Plume Academy has its very own Will Kirk in the form of Mr Lane one of our technology teachers. Mr Lane has been doing an outstanding job repairing our grand piano whose age was beginning to show. It has been a pleasure to see craftsmanship at work as he produces a seamless repair on the lid of piano. Thank you very much Mr Lane.

Mrs Adams



Plume Academy ran a Read for Good Readathon to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3 March 2022, for all students in Years' 7 and 8, that study at our Mill Road Campus. All students were released from their timetables to read for pleasure during the afternoon for 1 hour.

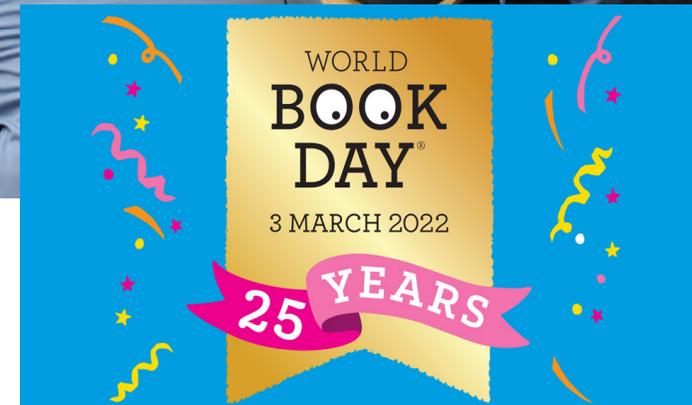
It's been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives (OECD).

The charity Read for Good encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. Students can choose whatever they want to read: from comics to classics and audio books to blogs! They are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun.

Plus, they are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand-new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

What's more, Plume Academy will receive free books worth 20% of our sponsorship grand total – so there really is something in it for everyone. For more information, visit www.readforgood.org.

During the sponsored read, students could read whatever they wanted: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Sharing books is great too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books. Teachers read with their students as well.



We are delighted to announce that as part of World Book Day's 25th Anniversary celebrations, Claire Symons, our Library Supervisor, secured 650 free books to hand out to our year 7 and 8 students. These were kindly donated to us by Maldon Books, a family run local independent book shop that can be found on the High Street in Maldon.





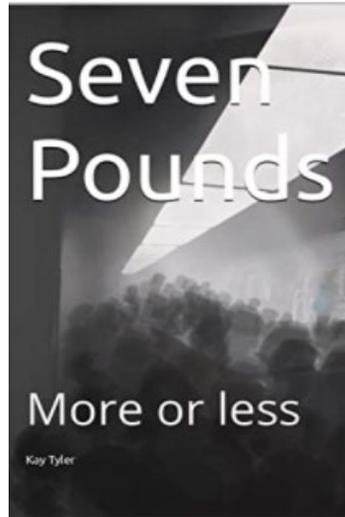
Year 11 Student Kay Tyler Publishes her first short story on Amazon Books

Kay Tyler has published her first short book on Amazon and what an amazing read it is to.

"Seven pounds is the story about a young girl who is tired of living society's norms and runs away to explore her mind and the world. It is written from her perspective as she

documents her story on her phone, in the story we see the way society is making her think and how her experience's change or modify it."

Having read the story, I cannot recommend it more for others to read. Kay has an amazing future as an author and we here at the Academy wish her the best of luck.



POP UP RESTURANT

Oh Lala

As part of the Prince's Trust Team-work unit the flexible learning students successfully opened a French themed restaurant in their classroom! Students decorated the room with French details, played cafe music and served staff with a range of French breakfast items. Feedback to the students was excellent and they all passed the learning outcomes with ease-I think you will agree they all looked the part too! Well done to all involved! Mrs Tween & Mrs Harrington



Exciting Competition News - Poetry By Heart!

POETRY BY HEART

The English Faculty's latest whole school competition, **Poetry by Heart**, is to find the Plume entry for a national poetry recitation competition. The Freestyle competition is designed to celebrate and share many ways of enjoying poetry aloud. The brief is to record yourself speaking/performing a poem, from the Poetry by Heart website, that you have learnt off by heart.

The competition is open to all year groups - Year 7 to Year 13 - and includes a prize and a certificate for the winners, as well as one of our highly prized English badges! Winners will be announced after Easter.

For more details, please check SMHW or the English Faculty twitter @PlumeEnglish or grab Mrs Gardiner or Mrs Crisell and ask them all about it. You'll have to be quick though - we need to upload our winning entry by March 28th !

Why not look at some previous winners to get some inspiration: <https://www.poetrybyheart.org/performance-gallery>

We can't wait to hear your performances.

The English Competitions Team.



News from Duke of Edinburgh

Sixty of our current Year 9 students have been very busy preparing for their practise expedition in April. They have already planned their route for the two-day expedition, researched and cooked a three course evening meal and have been on a local practise hike to try out their boots and have a go at map reading and following a route card.

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We have great news of a Plume Gold Award. I am delighted to announce that Beth Gaskin who completed her Bronze and Silver with us has completed her Gold Award, which included skiing and snowboarding in the Scottish Highlands. It gives us immense pleasure to hear our former students continue with this great scheme, which at gold level is extremely difficult to achieve, but incredibly rewarding and worthwhile. So many university applications ask whether students have taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award and the Gold is worth UCAS points.



Dalia Baker selected to play football for GB at the Maccabiah Games, 2022

Dalia Baker former Plume Academy student has received the excellent news that she has been selected to represent GB in the Maccabiah Games in Israel this summer. It is an extraordinary

achievement for Dalia to be participating in a sporting event that rivals the Olympics and Commonwealth Games. She is absolutely thrilled to be going to Israel in July and has very high hopes for the GB team. Mr Wakefield said: " I would also like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere congratulations on your selection Dalia to the GB squad for the upcoming Maccabiah Games – you and your family must be incredibly proud! We are too, of course, and we very much look forward to hearing all about it after the games have drawn to a conclusion."

This is indeed a very proud moment for everyone associated with Dalia and all those here at the academy wish her the very best of luck.

Plume Academy Wins Healthy Schools Award 2022

Plume Academy wins an award for our work as part of the **Healthy Schools Programme** and Mrs S Freeman, Director of Human Resources was " delighted to receive the Affinity Award on behalf of the Academy" as part of the Annual Essex Healthy Schools Awards.

A spokesperson for Essex Public Health and Healthy Schools said: It was great to have so many schools representing both Primary and Secondary schools across Essex. The dedication and commitment to the Health and Wellbeing of your pupils through the Healthy Schools Programme was evident from the number of schools who had achieved Foundation and Enhanced status over the past two years. It was great that we were able to award some schools with Best Practice awards and going forward this is now how schools will be awarded.

A Plume Academy spokesperson commented, " this award is a fantastic example and recognition for the hard work and dedication that all involved deliver on a daily basis and we could not be prouder of what this means for our stakeholders across the academy community."



Physical Education Faculty Extra-Curricular Timetable Summer 1 Timetable

Please note: All outside clubs will finish at 4.30pm



Day	Before School (8am)	Lunch Time (1.20pm-1.50pm)	After School (3.10pm - 4.30pm)
Monday	Year 7 and 8 Throwing Club SPA/ LST MRC Field	Year 9 Gymnastics (FRC Utility Hall) BME Year 10 Cricket Nets (Sports Hall) JAI Year 11 Fitness Studio (FRC) JPE Year 11 GCSE Revision Clinic – all welcome (PE Classroom) MAR	Sixth form Fitness Studio (FRC)
Tuesday	Year 9 and 11 Throwing Club JPE/ JAI FRC Field	FRC Athletics Club (Years 9-11) JPE/ SPA/ TDU Year 10 Fitness Studio (FRC) MAR Year 11 Volleyball (FRC Sports Hall) JAI	Year 7 and 8 Boys Cricket (MRC) LST/ JPE All Years Girls Cricket (FRC) SPA/ HTA Year 9 and 10 Boys Cricket (FRC) TDU/ JAI Year 11 GCSE Revision Clinic – Invite only (PE Classroom) MAR
Wednesday	Years 9-11 Short Tennis Club SPA FRC Sports Hall Year 7 and 8 Long Jump and Running club JPE/ LST	Year 9 Basketball (FRC Sports Hall) TDU	Year 7 and 8 Rounders (MRC) JBI/ CME Year 7 and 8 Basketball (FRC) TDU/ LST Year 9-11 Rounders (FRC) SPA Years 9 and 10 Cheerleading (FRC Utility Hall) BME Year 11 GCSE Revision Clinic – Invite only (PE Classroom) MAR Football College (FRC) JAI/ JPE
Thursday	Years 9-11 Throwing Club JPE/ JAI FRC Field	Year 11 GCSE/ Sports Studies Catch up/ Revision (FRC PE Classroom) MAR High Jump Club (FRC) JBI/ LWH Year 10 and 11 Girls Fitness – Fitness Studio (FRC) BME MRC Athletics throwing Club (Years 7-8) HTA/ LST	All Years Athletics (FRC) MRC Students to walk up with PE staff. Meet in the changing rooms Years 7 and 8 Cheerleading (FRC Utility Hall) BME
Friday	Years 9-11 Short Tennis Club SPA FRC Sports Hall	Year 9 Badminton (FRC) MAR	Year 11 GCSE Revision Clinic – all welcome (PE Classroom) MAR/ JAI Year 10 and 11 Badminton (FRC) SPA/ TDU Year 10 GCSE Climbing (FRC) HTA Year 7 Rugby (MRC) LST





JACK PETCHEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SCHEME

Please nominate students for the current round of this prestigious award which recognises young people for what they do well! We want to acknowledge and celebrate young people for showing excellence in what they do and we are eagerly waiting for your nominations!

Nominations can come from students, teachers, parents, support staff and governors, so please do not hesitate!

The students you nominate do not have to be the smartest, fastest or the best at everything - the award is designed to recognise outstanding individual achievements.

Achievements can include:

- Giving 100% in all they do*
- Showing great pride in their school and work*
- Helping others over and above expectations*
- Being a good role model*
- Overcoming a personal challenge*
- Volunteering/Fundraising*

This is not an exhaustive list and any student who has contributed to the Academy or local community in a significant way may be nominated.

The scheme has had very positive outcomes for our students so far. Each winner receives a certificate, a lapel badge and £300 to spend for the benefit of Plume Academy, Club, or Community. They are also invited with their families to a very special celebratory evening at Chelmsford Civic Theatre where they will also receive a medallion, a certificate and their award.

Nomination forms can be obtained from b.collan@plume.essex.sch.uk or downloaded from our [website](http://www.plume.academy) and returned by email to b.collan@plume.essex.sch.uk or posted/handed in for the attention of Mr B Collan at Plume Academy, Fambridge Road Campus, Fambridge Road, Maldon, Essex CM96AB

Nominations should be with us by April 21st 2022 or sooner please

Twenty-five Easter Eggs from customers at the Victoria Inn donated to Plume Academy disadvantaged students

Lorna Hart is the pub landlord of the Victoria Inn, Burnham on Crouch, along with her husband. She fundraises for disadvantaged children! Her customers have donated presents for disadvantaged children at Christmas and have now donated Easter eggs! Lorna contacted Plume Academy, as she has a close link, Billy Hart, Maths Teacher, who's Dad is married to Lorna. The Pupil Premium staff have collaborated again with the Pastoral Team, Designated Assistant Safeguard Lead and SEND to allocate the eggs to 25 disadvantaged students, that may not receive an egg this Easter.

Mrs Frost, Pupil Premium Coordinator said: "the generosity of the local community is simply amazing at a time when some families are really struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. Lorna and her customers at the Victoria Inn always support us as an academy, as they did for us last Christmas. We are so grateful and proud to be associated with such generous and kind-hearted people such as Lorna"



Year 9 Plume Academy students captivated by live online Holocaust Survivor Testimony

As part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's Outreach Programme, Year 9 were able to participate in a virtual meeting with Holocaust survivor Paul Sved. Paul was just 7 when he first experienced the terrors of the Holocaust in 1944. However, he had experienced isolation and prejudice as part of a wider anti-Semitic culture in his native Hungary. Paul detailed his story through several faces he remembered. Those that had helped him and his mother, as well as those that had shown them hatred and wished to do them harm. This also highlighted the complexity of the past. In one instance, Paul was cared for by soldiers from the Red Army, these men were from both Russia and Ukraine, and they were seen as liberators. From 1945, Mr Sved experienced a different kind of tyranny under the Soviet

Union; persecution was reduced and no longer anti-Semitic but based around class; as former members of the middle class, the Stalinist and subsequent Soviet systems had no place for Paul and his family's pre-Holocaust way of life.

Mr C Roper, History Teacher said: "The students were greatly interested Mr Sved's story, which lasted for just under an hour in its telling. Many students produced a series of questions about his story, which Paul answered in detail and with great patience. He is not a man who harbours resentment, hate, nor does he dwell in a negative way on the past." Plume Academy and the History Department are extremely grateful for the opportunity to meet with Paul. We look forward to having him back again to share his unique and insightful story, with his message of positivity. The work of the Holocaust Educational Trust, as well as facilitator Alister Seddan, cannot be understated; thanks to all!



Plume Careers



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Virtual Work Experience Opportunities

YOUNG PROFESSIONALSUK

On **Wednesday 13 April** from **9:00am - 4:00pm** we are hosting perhaps the biggest virtual technology work experience event for school and college students ever, as we're being joined by some of the world's most successful companies in the space in: PwC, World Wide Technology, Capgemini, IBM, Virgin Media & QA.

You'll get to hear and learn from some of the world's top business and technology professionals as they take us through a number of practical workshops, activities and presentations.

If you're interested in a career in the world of technology make sure to take advantage of this opportunity!

Technology is without a doubt the fastest growing industry in the world and as it continues to grow and evolve so will the opportunities for those with a career in the space.

Just like our other virtual work experience events taking place over Easter, certificates of completion will be awarded which you'll be able to add to your CV / personal statement.

To sign up click on the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Technology-Work-Experience>

due to the pandemic, the Nuffield Scheme has taken place online for the past two years. For 2022 we are delighted to say that we will be returning to **face to face*** placements. We can offer your Year 12 students exciting opportunities in industry, universities and at local organisations. Students in their first year of post-16 science, technology, engineering and maths (including social and data sciences) courses should apply.

**While we are excited to offer face to face placements once again, these will be subject to government and organisation restrictions.*

Please note: This scheme is aimed at students who come from low income families. We want more students from these backgrounds to apply, and can offer them financial support to do so.

Eligibility criteria does apply. We encourage all students to use our eligibility tool before starting their application to avoid disappointment:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/nuffield-placement-tool>

More information on the scheme and how to apply can be found at: <https://www.stem.org.uk/nuffield-research-placements>

Apprenticeship Opportunities



In APM's occasional series of emails about apprenticeships, we bring you two items:

1. [A blog from a current apprentice](#), describing their journey from education to project management in Twinings, the team company

2 [A link](#) to live project management opportunities in companies large and small, for you to share with recent leavers and those seeking more information, including

- Amazon
- Boohoo
- BT
- HM Treasury
- Pfizer
- Toyota
- Virgin Media

After an unprecedented number of new applications and interest in the programme, we're pleased to announce that the application deadline for the Nuffield Research Placement scheme has been extended.

The new deadline for applications is **Wednesday 13 April 2022**.

Virtual Career Events

MAKE HAPPEN

Student self-sign-up event:
Made Training are delivering for FREE online revision sessions via zoom for students in Years 11 and 13
You will learn the following (and more):

- How to condense your information and create cue cards.
- How to use mnemonic and spatial memory techniques.
- How to use spaced learning strategies to beat procrastination, increase productivity and enable knowledge mastery.

You only need to sign-up to one session depending of which year group you are currently in:

- Year 11 students – Monday 21 March 2022 at 4.30 – 5.30pm
- Year 13 students – Wednesday 23 March 2022 at 4.30 – 5.30pm

Care-experienced students: Future stars: setting sights on university programme for students in year 10

This programme is taking place between Tuesday 19 April-Saturday 28 May 2022 and is open to students in Year 10 and who are in foster care, or have experienced some time in care

With a mixture of both virtual and in-person events, you will take part in the following events:

- Virtual sessions delivering by universities on why go to university, options post-16 and the cost of going to university.
- HE taster days at the University of Essex and Writtle University College.
- Opportunity to receive a FREE careers interview.

Parents and Carers self sign up event:
Please share the following event with your parents/carers
Parent revision session: Are you a parent or carer with a child who is currently in Year 11 or Year 13 and would like to find out how to best support them with revision? If so,

then join Made Training and the Make Happen team on Zoom for this really helpful FREE session
Friday 25 March 2022 at 5.30-6.30pm

Made Training will showcase the following tips and support techniques to help you keep your child on track to succeed:

- How to monitor the effectiveness of your child's revision.
- How to support your child in a non-confrontational manner.

How to create effective revision and review schedules.
For more information and book your place - please click on the following link: <https://www.makehappen.org/event/parentsandcarers/>



World Earth Day virtual careers talk: Jobs in sustainability

Friday 22 April, 11 am - 12 noon

Hear first-hand from speakers in finance, tech, maritime and healthcare as they talk about what their roles in sustainability involve, and share their personal career stories and pathways.

The session includes a student Q&A after each speaker and will also cover: Opportunities in sustainability, including new and future jobs

- Education and skills
- The role of business in tackling climate change
- Tips on starting a career in sustainability

[Register now](#)

Employment Opportunities

We are recruiting - Pool Assistant/Level 1 Swimming Teacher

At Park Drive Swim school we are dedicated to the teaching of swimming lessons for all ages and abilities.

We currently have a vacancy for Pool Assistant / Level 1 Swimming Teacher, who is interested in assisting with our popular swim school.

The position will be from 3.30pm to 6pm weekday and will include cleaning duties, assisting in the pool during swimming lessons, as well as keeping poolside tidy and safe.
Please email : swim@parkdrivehealthclub.co.uk with your details swim qualifications and experience.

TERM DATES

2021/2022

Summer Term

Tuesday 19 April 2022
- Friday 22 July 2022

Half Term

Tuesday 31 May - Friday 3 June

Bank Holidays

Monday 2 May
Thursday 2 - Friday 3 June

Staff Training Day

Friday 1 April 2022
Friday 24 June 2022

Calendar April 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4 Easter Holiday	5 Easter Holiday	6 Easter Holiday	7 Easter Holiday	8 Easter Holiday	9	10
11 Easter Holiday	12 Easter Holiday	13 Easter Holiday	14 Easter Holiday	15 Easter Holiday	16	17
18 Easter Holiday	19 Students return to the academy	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

UKRAINIAN BENEFIT CEILIDH

SATURDAY 7TH MAY 2022

7:30 pm to 11:30 pm

at

PLUME ACADEMY STAGE HALL
Fambridge Rd, Maldon. CM9 6AB

Dancing to:



Tickets £10 (additional donations welcome)

Bring your own drink and nibbles

Contact John Parsons: john.parsons1@sky.com
07809 271491

Neither the band, nor Plume Academy are charging for this event. ALL proceeds will, therefore, go to DEC.

DEC fundraising ID: CFR78258

Event organised by Chelmsford and Maldon Morris sides and Spring Heel Jacks Ceilidh/Barn Dance Band

Easter Holiday Courses Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2, Level 3, and Learn to ride courses. In Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow & Maldon.



To book, please visit link below

• £10 booking fee

<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

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FOOD HYGIENE RATING

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VERY GOOD

Well done!

We had a visit from The Food Standards' Agency Tuesday 8 March, after a rigorous assessment and scrutiny of both campus canteen areas, I am immensely proud to announce that both areas once again secured the top 5 star rating.